(ङ) भूमि की विभिन्न किस्मों के लिए चावल के औसत उत्पादन के लक्ष्य निर्धारित नहीं किए जाते हैं। फिर भी, आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना का लक्ष्य 1996–97 तक चावल का औसत उत्पादन 2023 किलोग्राम प्रति हैक्टेयर है ।

Repair of cracked boose, fa earthquake la Maharashtra

2117. SHRI SHIV PATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government released additional financial aid for the strengthening of 1.25 lakh cracked houses in the earhquake affected districts in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details in this rsgard;

(c) whether a large number of houses with cracks were also brought to the notice of the official of the visting. World Bank team;

(d) whether Government has taken a policy decision to sanction Rs. 25,000 to the nearest relatives of those killed in the -earthquake, if their age was below 18 years;

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the progress made so far on getting aid from World Bank for the propose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE THE MINISTRY OF AGRICUTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise tc)

Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) From the Chief Minister's Relief Fund, an amount of Rs. 25,000 has been sanctioned to- the nearest relative of each deceased person in the age group of 12-18 years. This. amount is be invested in identified bankng institutions for a period of five years. .

(f) The Pre-appraisal mission of the World Bank visited Maharashtra daring November, 1993. The appraisal mission is expected to visit the st*at*e in the first week of january, 1994

farming without use of Dangerous Pesticides

2118. SHRI B. K. HAR1PRASAD: SHRI SHANTI TYAG1;

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased 10 state:

(a) whether it is a fact that considerable interest has been Shown by NGC(s) and Government of India in fanning without use of pesticides as reflected in a number of seminars held in India during the last 2 years;

(b) whether Govemnvent have record of these meetings and organisations which organised these and groups that are suprorting this mov-ment and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Peter Proctor of Bjodyna-mic 1 arming Association, Nainer, New Zetland visited India recently and gave uiraensirations at various meltings including college of Agricuiture in Indore and if so. the details thereof;

(d) whether- it is a fact that while Government have bona pouring heavy funds in chemicals based faming the through subeidies direct and indirect, and R and D week nothing worth while is being done for allenate agriculture which is recairining all over the world; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that the rest significance of abtrnatr andculture has not areeagood powrful vasted interests operating in the country?

ENERGY SOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY AGRICULTURAL (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a)Yes Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(e) A Semmar cum-Workshop on Bio-flyrrafntc Agrculture System was organist at *Ind*ore in October, 1993 where "peter Proctor of Bio-dynamic Framing Association, Napier, New Zealand also gave field Awtwns (rations to many *far-mors and fueulty members* of Agriculture college, lndore.